

GREAT MUSICIAN TO WRITE AMERICAN EPIC

Paolo Giorza, Composer of World-wide Renown, Establishes Himself in Philadelphia.

WILL COLLABORATE WITH POET

Political Disturbances of a Serious Character Have Robbed Him of the Fruits of His Genius.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Philadelphia, May 17.—America's greatest music is to be depicted by a spectacular musical epic that shall fittingly describe the progress of the new giant among nations, from the time of Washington until the dawn of the Twentieth Century, if the dream of Paolo Giorza is realized.

Paolo Giorza is a composer of world-wide renown, now living in Philadelphia. He is a Chevalier of France. By the act of King Emmanuel II he is a Knight of the Order of St. Maurice. The King of Portugal presented him with the Order of Christ and Maximilian of Mexico conferred upon him the Order of La Guadalupe. In Italy Paolo Giorza is famous. In Germany he is renowned. In France he is distinguished. South Americans acclaim him a genius. He is celebrated in England. In Australia he is a popular idol, for there he resided nearly five years.

Paolo Giorza's direction of the musical ceremonies attendant upon the Sydney International Exposition gave him a place in the hearts of Australians which has endured with time.

His mind has created the musical settings to some of the most gorgeous spectacles that have ever been staged. The exhibitions at Paris, London, Berlin and Buffalo were not deemed complete without the presentation of a work of Giorza.

"I am again in America—I have been before—to write a musical epic in which the song of America and her future shall be sung. I see that America, now upon the threshold of world greatness, will in the coming years be a world power. She will hold the peace of the world in the palm of her hand and her greatness will be in the sublime victories of her future. So I want to do that which seems not yet to have been attempted, and I am studying American history."

"And what place in America do I fit for me as Philadelphia?"

"Not only is it the most American city, but it was here that American liberty was born and cradled."

The traditions of American history cluster more closely about Philadelphia than about any other city in our country, and therefore I shall stay here until I have the material for my work—my greatest work, I fondly hope."

To accomplish his ambition Giorza must collaborate with a great poet, who must be an American, who knows American history, and who can transform his knowledge into inspiring verse.

Born at Milan.

Paolo Giorza was born at Milan sixty-two years ago. He was the son of Luigi Giorza, a well-known baritone who sang in the opera. His father's eminence as a singer brought Paolo into intimate touch with the famous singers of the day. To the fostering care of his father the boy was indebted for a thorough course of musical study and development. He was only 9 when he entered a competitive examination for a scholarship in the Royal Conservatory of Milan. There were 12 competitors, of whom he was the youngest. He carried off the honors and secured the scholarship.

Political disturbances of a grave character compelled him to leave his native land. His father was mixed up in these troubles, compelled to leave Milan and to retire to Desio, a town some miles distant from Milan. In Desio Paolo was destined to begin that career which has made his name known in every country. The people there knew of his winning the scholarship at Milan and he was offered the organ at the Cathedral.

Contributions to Church Music.

In his contributions to Catholic Church music the world over Giorza stands unequalled. It is a fact that the name of Giorza appeared upon the Easter programmes of thirty-six cathedrals and churches on Sunday last, and it was represented eight times upon those of the Catholic churches in New York.

He has written over 200 works for the piano, and in addition to the fifty-two ballets he has added to the literature of church music nine masses, three sets of vespers, one requiem mass and a number of offertories. And yet, like Verdi, the grand old man of Italy, Giorza enters upon the greatest work of his life at an age when most men retire to the country.

"This epic of America," he said, "must be my greatest work. I shall begin probably with the history of the American people, and if I can but find the poet to give the story I am sure it will be my masterpiece."

Giorza's constant companion is his beautiful grandchild, Miss Alexia Markoff, a singer of renown in Russia and Germany, who has accompanied her uncle in his pilgrimages from one end of the world to the other.

CAUSE OF ERUPTION.

Astronomer Says Martinique Disaster Resulted From Filtration.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

Paris, May 17.—M. Camille Flammarion, the astronomer, agreed with John Mims, the British scientist, that the volcanic eruptions in Martinique and St. Vincent resulted from the filtration of water, which caused an enormous volatilization. M. Flammarion says that the volcanic dust may remain in the air for years and have a luminous effect at night.

In 1883 the eruption at Krakatoa was followed by such phenomena. "Red sunsets" were observed all over the world for months after the eruption and were commented upon by scientists as being due to the mass of dust thrown miles into the air by the Krakatoa explosion.

So Thankful of Him.

Stranger: "What statue is that being erected on the square?"

Citizen: "That, sir, is the statue of the Honorable J. Mortimer Biggerson."

Stranger: "Is that the benefactor of the town, I suppose?"

Citizen: "Yes, indeed. He paid for the statue before he died."—Chicago News.

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